

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department - V&E Report No.73, dt:25.05.2005 - Disciplinary action initiated against Sri S. Rambabu, Forest Range Officer (Retd)- Formerly worked as Deputy Range Officer, Range No.VI, Paderu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle- Findings received - Disagreement factors communicated - Imposition of penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years besides recovery of Rs. 52,941/- (being 75% of excess expenditure) - Show-Cause-Notice issued - Explanation received-Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 83

Dated:17-10-2014
Read the following:

1. From the D.G., GA (V&E) Dept., V&E Report.No.73, dt:25-05-2005.
2. Govt.Memo.No.4703/For.IV/A1/2005, dt:23-7-2005.
3. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.34271/2005/PXA-3, dt:03-01-2008.
4. Govt.Memo.No.4703/For.IV/A1/2005, dt:12-9-2014.
5. From Sri S. Rambabu FRO(Retd), explanation dt:06.10.2014.
6. Govt.Lr.No.4703/For.IV/A1/2005, dt:13-10-2014.
7. From the Secretary(FAC), APPSC, Lr.No.1100/RT/3/2014, dt:17-10-2014.

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ORDER:

In the reference 3rd read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that vide reference 34271/2005/PXA-3(iii), dt:30.04.2006, an Article of Charge was issued to Sri S. Rambabu, Forest Range Officer (Retd) formerly worked as Deputy Range Officer, Range No.VI, Paderu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle on the following counts.

Article:

"That he had while working as Deputy Range Officer, Range No.VI Paderu in Paderu Division, shown gross negligence of duties and shown lack of devotion to duty and prepared and submitted the estimates with excess rate and executed the works during 2003-2004 without following the Prl.CCF's Circular No. 3/2002 and FSR-2003-2004 special Condition No. 8 for the earth works in respect of works under NABARD-VII & VIII schemes and is responsible for submitting the estimates at excess rate and payment resulted in excess expenditure of Rs. 70,589/- and thereby caused a loss to a tune of Rs.70,589/- to the state's exchequer."

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of charge on dt:29.08.2006 and submitted his defense statement. After examining the defense statement of the Charged Officer, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively, vide Prl.CCF Rc.No.34271/2005/P3(i)(ii), dt:19.12.2009 to conduct regular enquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer submitted his findings vide Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Rc.No.9269/2005/M8 dt:30.04.2010, in which he concluded that the Charge framed against the Charged Officer was not proved. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were not agreed by the Prl.CCF and hence the findings along with the disagreement factors were communicated to the Charged Officer for submitting his further defense. The Charged Officer submitted his further defense, wherein he did not put forth any new points.

4. The Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on dt:30.06.2003. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry officer, disagreement factors of the Prl.CCF and material made available, Government observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer was held proved and it was provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years besides recovery of Rs.52,941 /- (being 75% of excess expenditure) on the Charged Officer Sri S. Rambabu, Forest Range Officer(Retd) formerly worked as Deputy Range Officer, Range No.VI, Paderu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly, a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 4th read above. The Charged Officer submitted his explanation through the reference 5th read above and requested to reduce the recovery amount atleast to which is relavent to his share of responsibility and to pass orders disposing the charge on its merits awarding justice. The concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been obtained vide reference 7th read above.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years besides recovery of Rs.52,941 /- (being 75% of excess expenditure) against the Charged Officer Sri S. Rambabu, Forest Range Officer (Retd) formerly worked as Deputy Range Officer, Range No.VI, Paderu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P. SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Director General, V&E Department , 6th Floor, B.R.K.Buildings,
Hyderabad (w.r.t. V&E. Report No.73, dt:25-05-2005)
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary(FAC), A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad(with ref. to
Lr.1100/RT/3/2014, dt:17-10-2014.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER